

Salato Wildlife
Education Center
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Winter Events



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December 2006 - April 2007



Kentucky Afield Gift Shop Holiday Sale

Nov. 28 - Dec. 22
25% off



Valentine's Day Sale

Feb. 7-14
10% off



Spring Sale

March 15-31
15% off

Sale prices exclude already discounted items.



Halloween Walk With the Animals

The haunted spirits of the forest came out in full force during the Salato Center's Halloween Walk with the Animals in 2006. Many thanks to our talented staff and tireless volunteers as we celebrated Halloween with 5,460 children and adults this year! Photos of the fabulous winners in our 11th annual costume contest can be seen by going online to fw.ky.gov and clicking on Salato. Special thanks to everyone who donated their valuable time and money to make this our most successful Halloween Walk ever!

Above: Tricks and treats for all shapes and sizes. Some of the winners in the 4 years old and under costume contest were: Chase Smith (punk clown), Lily Roadcap (ladybug), and Jack Marston (Pillsbury Dough Boy).

GOLD SPONSORS (\$500 - \$999)

Buffalo Trace Distillery, Farmer's Bank, E.On US, Parent Company of LG&E and KU; Graviss McDonald's of Frankfort, and Mr. Rodney Ratliff.

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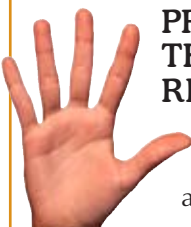
Adelia's, Buddy Smith, Doug Wehr and family, Franklin Co. Senior Citizens Center, Kentucky Network Of Outdoor Women, K-Mart, Signs Now of Frankfort and Wal-Mart.

WINTER HOURS (Sept. 1 to May 31)

Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The Center will be **CLOSED**
for the holidays from
Dec. 23 to Jan. 1, 2007.

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PROGRAMS WITH FEWER THAN FIVE PEOPLE REGISTERED

are subject to
cancellation. To register for one
of the workshops, please call us
at (502) 564-7863.

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January 10 Brown Bag Lunch: Fun, Sun and Island Wildlife

Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m.
Cost: Free. Limit: None
Participants: All are welcome.
Great for state employees!

Don't let the winter blahs get you down. Bring your lunch and join Mary Carol Cooper for an hour of fun, sun and adventures on the Galapagos Islands. She will present a power point travel log of her trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos. She will talk about island biogeography, Darwin and his finches, and some of the most unusual and fascinating wildlife (sea lions, marine iguanas and giant tortoises) who live on the islands with few predators. No registration required.

January 13 Winter Tree Identification Hike

Saturday, 2 – 4 p.m.
Cost: \$8. Limit: 15
Participants: Adults.

Back by popular demand! Most tree identification books fall short when it comes to identifying trees and shrubs, but you won't be left out on a limb after this walk. Let Mary Carol Cooper show you how to identify some of your woody neighbors using leaves, bark and other characteristics. She'll also go a step further to help you understand their role in their preferred habitats. If you're thinking of including native "woody" plants in your landscape, this is a good opportunity to

get some ideas about natives that grow best under different types of conditions. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

January 27 Fishy Fun

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Cost: \$8. Limit: 15
Participants: Ages 12 & under.

The Headquarters lakes are stocked with trout during the winter months to give the die-hard outdoor lovers another reason to get out of the house. But if you want to take a kid fishing where there's a very good chance you'll catch fish, join Salato staff and volunteers for some fishy fun. Catching trout at the Game Farm is easy! We'll also provide a light lunch (hot dogs, potato chips, and punch) for the kids. If parents would like to join the kids for lunch, it is an additional \$4. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**



February 14 Brown Bag Lunch: Animal Love

Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m.
Cost: Free. Limit: None
Participants: All are welcome.
Great for state employees!

'Tis the season for love! Have you ever wondered how animals choose a mate? Do they mate for life? What strange solutions have they come up with to solve the same problem? Join Salato Director Laurie Davison for a look at love in the animal kingdom. Bring your lunch and your sweetheart! No registration required.

February 17 The Great Backyard Bird Count

Saturday, 2 – 4 p.m.
Cost: \$8. Limit: None
Participants: Ages 12 & up. A great winter activity for older scouts and future biologists!

Sign up today to be part of this year's annual Great Backyard Bird Count. Every year, amateur bird watchers around the nation and beyond gather to identify and count songbirds to help the ornithology lab at Cornell University get a census of songbird distributions. Join

Salato staff and volunteers to identify bird neighbors in your backyard then record your observations around the Salato Center (from the heated comfort of the building if you wish). The results of our count will then be added to the nationwide count on the Internet. You'll also build a bluebird nest box to add to your habitat at home! For more information about this event, see the website at <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**

COLLECTOR STAMPS ARE IN!

Waterfowl stamps have a rich history of contributing to wetland and stream conservation since the grassroots efforts of hunters began in 1934. Continue your own collection or start a collecting tradition for someone special in your life. To purchase a collector stamp, call Tressa Brown or Alisa Veverka at (502) 564-7863 before February 28, 2007 at which time all remaining stamps are destroyed.



EAGLE WEEKENDS 2007

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, in cooperation with Kentucky State Parks, is pleased to again offer nature lovers the opportunity to view and learn more about majestic bald eagles in their natural habitat. Affordable tours led by experienced field guides will be offered on selected weekends. For reservations or more information, call the park of your choice:

Jan. 19-21

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park (270) 362-4271

Jan. 19-21 & 26-28 and Feb. 16-17

Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park 1-800-325-2282

Jan. 26-28

Lake Barkley State Resort Park (270) 924-1131

Feb. 2-4

Kenlake State Resort Park (270) 474-2211

Black History Month

“ *The negative repercussions of the exclusion of a significant portion of our country's population from the national wildlife conservation dialogue will be hard felt for years to come... How well we manage and protect our natural resources over the next 100 years will be directly tied to our ability to engage all of our citizens.* ”

— James Mallman
President, Watchable Wildlife, Inc.

(From the Forward of *The Black and Brown Faces in America's Wild Places*, by Dudley Edmondson).

Despite significant strides in overcoming racial barriers in most aspects of our society, African-Americans and other ethnic minorities remain under-represented in our wild places. We invite all ethnicities to join us throughout the month of February for special speakers, exhibits, school programs and activities for young and old. We intend this as a beginning for a successful partnership with all under-represented people in the outdoors. Watch future newsletters for more.

Exhibit:

During the month of February come and explore our exhibit: *The Black And Brown Faces in America's Wild Places: Wilderness and People Through the Lens of Dudley Edmondson.*

February 10

The Black And Brown Faces in America's Wild Places: Presentation and Book Signing

Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m. Free. All are welcome!

In his travels as a wildlife photographer, Dudley Edmondson became concerned by how often he was the only person of color working or vacationing in wilderness areas. He began seeking out other African-Americans who had chosen to live and work in America's great outdoors and interviewed and photographed them for his book: *The Black and Brown Faces in America's Wild Places*. Park rangers, adventure sports coordinators, big game hunters, falconers, mountaineers and many more reveal their shared love of nature and the wilderness and their vision of a future in which all races will participate equally in the wilderness experience. Come and meet this exciting new author and photographer during this public presentation and book signing. Copies of the book will be available in the gift shop. No registration required.

Sponsored by Watchable Wildlife Inc., the Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet.

February 17

Kids Story Time

Saturday, 2 – 3 p.m. Free. All ages are welcome!

Come and sit by the window for a wild story hour to explore children's relationship with nature. We will focus on *Earth Mother* by Ellen Jackson and others. In addition to the stories, we will sing songs and make a craft to take home. There may even be a surprise guest! Bring your friends and imagination. No registration required.

More activities in the works, call us for details at (502) 564-7863.

March 10 Cast a Line: Basics of Fly Tying and Fishing

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$30. Limit: 10

Participants: Ages 10 & up.

Do you want to learn fly tying, how to cast a line, or purchase your own equipment? Well, come join Charlie Downs, Holly Phipps and David Blanton of Trout Unlimited for this “First Cast” fly tying workshop. Not only will you learn the basics of fly tying, but we will explore entomology, casting and necessary equipment. Participants will leave with the flies they tie and are invited to join Trout Unlimited in a stream on Sunday, March 11, to practice their new skills. More information and details will be given about the fishing trip during class. Test your flies on the water and Salato’s rods will be available for use on the trip. Bring a sack lunch. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**



March 14 Brown Bag Lunch: Wood Magic

Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m.

Cost: Free. Limit: None

Participants: All are welcome. Great for state employees!

Kentucky has more than 120 species of woody plants (trees and shrubs). They range from small to large and each have unique properties. Join the University of Kentucky’s Dr. Terry Conner for a hands-on demon-

stration of wood’s magic. Young and old will marvel at the silent giants who surround us. As always, bring your lunch and a friend to spend an hour at Salato. No registration required.

March 17 So, You Want To Be A Biologist? Big Game Management

Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10. Limit: 15

Participants: Ages 15-18. Great for young adults interested in pursuing a career in biology.

Our biologists are still busy, even when it is cold outside. We have the next session in this series to discover what Kentucky Fish and Wildlife biologists do every day. Wildlife Biologist Karen Alexy will show you some techniques used in studying and managing big game populations across the state. You will shoot a dart gun and learn about track-

ing animals using radio collars (telemetry), which is a vital tool in today’s wildlife management. Wear warm clothes and bring your sense of adventure because we are in search of large mammals!

Registration and pre-payment are required.

March 31 “Animal Tracks” Audio Tour Day

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: Today only we invite you to try it for FREE! (regular cost is \$3 per unit)

Participants: All are welcome.

It is a great time to view wildlife and Salato is open year-round. Come and see the animals and habitats with the leaves off and enjoy our NEW “Animal Tracks” audio tour (sponsored by Ashland, Inc.). As you explore, you can hear from many experts about some of Kentucky’s natural resources. You can rent a unit any day, but take advantage of this opportunity to hear the tour

for FREE. Units are limited, so first come, first served. (Parents and teachers: the audio tour is generally suitable for ages 12 and up). No registration required.

April 7 Step Up and Shoot: Archery Style!

Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m.

Cost: Free. Limit: None

Participants: Anyone who can pull a bow. An adult must accompany children.

Learning to shoot a bow is fun and easy, so come out and try your hand at hitting one of our archery targets. We will provide basic instruction, bows, targets and all equipment necessary for you to try your hand at archery. Whether you’re young or just young at heart, swing by the center and give archery a try! Join us for an afternoon of archery fun! No registration required. **May be cancelled due to bad weather.**

CHECK OUT OUR
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS ONLINE
AT FW.KY.GOV.

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“Upcoming
Events” to
search for happenings at
Salato, or across the state!
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programs and events
when you present your
valid Kentucky hunting or
fishing license!



**HUNTING AND FISHING
LICENSES EXPIRE ON
FEBRUARY 28.
TIME TO RENEW...**

A 2007 license makes a great gift for a whole year of outdoor fun! Hunters, boaters and anglers have always been at the forefront of conservation efforts

in Kentucky. So even if you don’t hunt or fish, one of the best investments you can make in preserving Kentucky’s abundant wildlife resources is to purchase a hunting and/or fishing license. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is pleased to offer its diverse services statewide and to all Kentuckians without burdening taxpayers or tapping into the state’s general fund dollars.

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CALLING ALL EDUCATORS...

Our educational programs and picnic shelter scheduling are now online! If you are planning to bring a group to Salato, check out our website at fw.ky.gov. We have updated the resources available to you online, so see what's new today.



START YOUR GARDENS!

The Spring Native Plant Sale will be **Saturday, April 28** at the Salato Center.

April 9-13

Spring Break DESTINATION: Salato!

Monday: Closed, so clean your room!

Tuesday: Tracking and animal signs

Wednesday: Native people

Thursday: Fishing (you can get a pole any day)

Friday: Wilderness survival and outdoor safety

Spring break is a great time to grab family and friends and visit the Salato Wildlife Education Center. During the week of April 9 -13 join us for a weeklong celebration and activities for kids. Monday, do your chores because we're closed. The rest of the week explore the hiking trails, see our Earth Day exhibit, take the audio tour, go fishing and join us for fun learning about wildlife! It is a short drive, so pack a picnic lunch (or make use of our grills) and plan to spend the day with us – for free! Call for details. No registration is required.



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The Salato Wildlife Education Center is located on the grounds of the headquarters of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in Frankfort, on U.S. 60, two miles west of U.S. 127.



Support the Salato Wildlife Education Center...

and Kentucky's wildlife resources...

Please donate to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation!

Help assure quality wildlife education statewide and at the Salato Center.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and boater registrations, and by the generous donations of people like you!

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